Senate File 62 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 62 BY DAWSON

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the expiration of a person's driver's
- 2 license or nonoperator's identification card on the
- 3 person's twenty-first birthday anniversary, and including
- 4 applicability provisions.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

- 1 Section 1. Section 321.189, subsection 6, Code 2019, is 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 6. Licenses issued to persons under age twenty-one. A
- 4 driver's license issued to a person under eighteen years of
- 5 age shall contain the same information as any other driver's
- 6 license except that the words "under eighteen" shall appear
- 7 prominently on the face of the license. A driver's license
- 8 issued to a person eighteen years of age or older but less than
- 9 twenty-one years of age shall contain the same information
- 10 as any other driver's license except that the words "under
- 11 twenty-one" shall appear prominently on the face of the
- 12 license. Upon attaining the age of eighteen or upon attaining
- 13 the age of twenty-one, and upon payment of a ten dollar fee,
- 14 the person shall be entitled to a new driver's license or
- 15 nonoperator's identification card for the unexpired months, if
- 16 any, of the driver's license or card. An instruction permit or
- 17 intermediate license issued under section 321.180B, subsection
- 18 1 or 2, shall include a distinctive color bar. An intermediate
- 19 license issued under section 321.180B, subsection 2, shall
- 20 include the words "intermediate license" printed prominently on
- 21 the face of the license.
- Sec. 2. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
- 23 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 24 d. The fee for a nonoperator's identification card shall be
- 25 eight dollars and the card shall be valid for a period of eight
- 26 years from the date of issuance, except the card shall be valid
- 27 until the applicant's twenty-first birthday anniversary if the
- 28 applicant is thirteen years of age or older, but less than
- 29 twenty-one years of age. If an applicant for a nonoperator's
- 30 identification card is a foreign national who is temporarily
- 31 present in this state, the nonoperator's identification card
- 32 shall be issued only for the length of time the foreign
- 33 national is authorized to be present as determined by the
- 34 department, not to exceed two years. An issuance fee shall
- 35 not be charged for a person whose driver's license or driving

- 1 privilege has been suspended under section 321.210, subsection
- 2 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3), or voluntarily surrendered
- 3 by the person in lieu of suspension under section 321.210,
- 4 subsection 1, paragraph "a".
- 5 Sec. 3. Section 321.196, subsection 1, Code 2019, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- Except as otherwise provided, if the licensee is between
- 8 the ages of seventeen twenty-one years eleven months and of
- 9 age or older, but less than seventy-two years of age, on the
- 10 date of issuance of the license, a driver's license, other
- 11 than an instruction permit, chauffeur's instruction permit,
- 12 or commercial learner's permit issued under section 321.180,
- 13 expires eight years from the licensee's birthday anniversary
- 14 occurring in the year of issuance, but not to exceed the
- 15 licensee's seventy-fourth birthday. If the licensee is under
- 16 the age of seventeen less than nineteen years eleven months of
- 17 $\underline{\text{age}}$ or $\underline{\text{age}}$ seventy-two \underline{y} ears of age or $\underline{\text{over}}$ older, the license
- 18 is effective for a period of two years from the licensee's
- 19 birthday anniversary occurring in the year of issuance. If
- 20 the licensee is nineteen years of age or older, but less than
- 21 twenty-one years of age, the license is effective until the
- 22 licensee's twenty-first birthday anniversary. A licensee
- 23 whose license is restricted due to vision or other physical
- 24 deficiencies may be required to renew the license every two
- 25 years. If a licensee is a foreign national who is temporarily
- 26 present in this state, the license shall be issued only for the
- 27 length of time the foreign national is authorized to be present
- 28 as verified by the department, not to exceed two years.
- 29 Sec. 4. Section 321.196, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code
- 30 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 31 c. The applicant is eligible for license renewal
- 32 electronically, pursuant to rules adopted by the department.
- 33 An applicant shall not be eligible for electronic renewal of
- 34 a driver's license if the most recent previous renewal of
- 35 the applicant's driver's license occurred electronically.

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- 1 However, an applicant whose driver's license expired or will
- 2 expire on the applicant's twenty-first birthday anniversary
- 3 shall be eligible for electronic renewal of a driver's license
- 4 regardless of whether the most recent previous renewal of the
- 5 applicant's driver's license occurred electronically.
- 6 Sec. 5. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to driver's
- 7 licences and nonoperator's identification cards issued on or
- 8 after July 1, 2019.
- 9 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 12 This bill requires the expiration of a person's driver's
- 13 license or nonoperator's identification card on the person's
- 14 21st birthday anniversary. The bill specifies that an
- 15 applicant whose driver's license expired or will expire on
- 16 the applicant's 21st birthday anniversary is eligible for
- 17 electronic renewal of a driver's license regardless of whether
- 18 the most recent previous renewal of the applicant's driver's
- 19 license occurred electronically. The bill applies to driver's
- 20 licenses and nonoperator's identification cards issued on or
- 21 after July 1, 2019. The bill does not alter the periods of
- 22 validity for instruction permits, commercial learner's permits,
- 23 and chauffeur's instruction permits under Code section 321.180.
- 24 Operating a motor vehicle with an expired driver's license is
- 25 punishable by a scheduled fine of \$50. However, Code section
- 26 321.196 provides that a person shall not be considered to be
- 27 driving with an invalid license during a period of 60 days
- 28 following the license expiration date.